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ONE CENT

VALLEY MAN IN BUSINESS LIFE ON THE BORDER

Rudolph Stuler of Monongahela Operating Smelter on Mexican Side

NOT MOLESTED BY VILLA

Despite the fact that there is war raging all around him, there is one Monongahela valley boy in Mexico, a short distance from the border on the "wrong side", who goes about serenely regardless of the fact that all the other Americans in Mexico are compelled to often flee for their lives.

This young man is Rudolph Stuler, son of Louis Stuler of Monongahela. He is general manager of the National Smelter company and his mines and works are located in the Chihuahua and Parral districts, where there is almost continuous fighting between the Caranza and Villa troops. Stuler has about six mines and the smelter plant under his supervision and though he has never as yet been molested, he lives in a state of preparedness and always has more than a hundred guards on duty. His company has provided him with a handsome big touring car so that he can get about among the various possessions, but every time he makes a trip, he is accompanied by an armed escort or guard of a score or more mounted men, "armed to the teeth."

While on the border Sergeant J. Harry Louttit of Monongahela visited Stuler on the Mexican side and was greatly impressed with the magnitude of the proposition and the responsibility of the general superintendent. Another face in the employ of the company that was familiar to the visitor was that of C. S. Davies, formerly foreman of the old Catsburg Repair Shop. He is employed by Stuler.

While Sergeant Louttit was visiting with the mine superintendent the latter received a note from Pancho Villa and this brought up a discussion about the revolutionist. Stuler stated that he had never been molested and though he did not state the same, the impression was left that Villa was financially interested in the mine. Monongahelans are interested in the success of Stuler across the line.

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MRS. BARBARA WOLFF EXPIRES IN HOSPITAL

Well Known North Charleroi Woman Succumbs to Shock Following Operation—Funeral to be Held Saturday.

Mrs. Barbara Wolff, aged 52 years, widow of the late Mathias Wolff of North Charleroi, died at the Memorial hospital at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from shock, incidental to an operation. Mrs. Wolff belonged to a well known North Charleroi family, having lived in that borough for 17 years. She came with her family from old Allegheny.

Two sons and two daughters survive. The sons are John and Raymond at home and the daughters are Mrs. Carl A. Watson of North Charleroi and Mrs. Harry J. Gehring of Charleroi. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home conducted by Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor of Christ Lutheran church of which Mrs. Wolff was a member. Interment will be in the Monongahela cemetery.

COUNTY TO SUE FOR INSURANCE

Claim of \$8,000 Damages Will be Made for George Washington Statue

ORIGINAL CLAIM WAS \$4,000

The county commissioners have authorized the solicitor to bring suit against those insurance companies that have refused to pay the insurance claimed due from them on account of lightning wrecking the terra cotta statue of George Washington which graces the court house dome. Futile efforts have been made with the insurance adjusters to reach a settlement.

The county offered to settle for \$4,000 but the adjusters would not give over \$3,500. The commissioners, contend, upon knowledge they have as to the damage done and what it will cost to replace the statue, that it cannot be replaced for less than \$4,000; and so they would not agree to a cent less than \$4,000. The insurance companies represented by Spriggs & Wolf, of Washington, agreed to settle on the \$4,000 basis.

In the suit for damages, since the county has to go into litigation, a claim for \$8,000 damages will be made. The commissioners do not feel friendly toward the insurance companies, when it is considered that since the new court house has been built the county has paid about \$1,000 a year for insurance and only a little more than \$100 has ever been paid for damages.

The county buildings are rated almost fire proof and insurance on them is practically no risk.

McKeesport Paper Raises Price
The McKeesport Daily News Wednesday announced that on and after January 1 the price would be two cents a copy instead of one.

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BOLD BURGLAR MAKES HAUL AT CANOE CLUB BOATHOUSE

Breaks Open Window While Caretaker is Away This Morning And Gets Away With Clothing, Edibles, And Other Loot

A bold robbery was performed this morning between 8:30 and 9 o'clock when a man single handed broke into and looted the Charleroi Canoe club's boathouse at the foot of Second street. Mr. and Mrs. John Worrell occupy rooms at the boathouse and take care of it. Mrs. Worrell left the boathouse at 8:30 o'clock to come up street. She returned at 9 to find evidences of the looting.

Entrance was made through a window which was broken. Whatever was of any value in the way of clothing, bed clothing and edibles were packed in a hurry. Some of Mrs.

Worrell's clothing was taken. The robber dug into trousers pockets of Mr. Worrell and secured a penknife. Having secured his plunder the man piled it into a boat belonging to a member of the boat club and rowed away. He landed on the other side of the river down stream a short ways and continued down the road, deserting the boat. He was seen by a boatman back of the plate glass plant, but not recognized. The police are now on the trail. This is the second robbery of the sort within two weeks time. The first occasion was a "poor touch" for the burglar who got but about 50 cents for his trouble.

ABANDONS LEGAL WORK TO RE-ENTER THE MINE

From coal miner to attorney and Burgess of Umontown and then back to mining, is the experience of Robert D. Warman, until recently supposed to be financially independent. In the last few years reverses came rapidly and next Friday the former Burgess, still a member of the Fayette county bar, will go to work in the Revere mine of the W. J. Rainey Company. He announced his intention Wednesday.

Compelled to make his own living at an early age, Mr. Warman while working in the mines near Fairchance, laid aside enough to educate himself and take up the study of law. For the last 14 years, with the exception of four years he served as Burgess. Mr. Warman practiced law in Umontown. During that time he purchased about 2,000 acres of coal in Green county. When the crash in coal properties came Mr. Warman was unable to make a sale or raise the amount of the taxes.

At the beginning of the present year Mr. Warman resumed his law practice, but he has decided he can make more money in the mine. Miners have been earning about \$50 a week.

FARMERS MADE VICTIMS OF JOKERS AT MONONGAHELA

Horses Taken From Places Where They Were Hitched and Driven to Out of Way Points to be Left

Two farmers within the past two weeks have either been the victims of practical jokers or some one who wanted a joy ride at Monongahela. Last week a horse belonging to Alva Jackson was taken from where it had been hitched and after being driven for some time was turned loose and was later found along the road out Fourth street, that city. The lap robe and blanket were found some distance where the animal and buggy were located.

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JOHN MCGINTY DIES AT HIS HOME IN TWILIGHT

John McGinty, aged 57 years, died at his home in Twilight borough Wednesday afternoon at 5:25 o'clock, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was well Christmas day but on Tuesday was critically ill. For years he was employed by the Pittsburgh Railroad company here as a porter. Surviving are three sons and one daughter. The sons are John, a private in the United States Cavalry in Mexico; James and William of Charleroi. The daughter is Mrs. Mary Ann Herren of Charleroi. A half brother and a sister also survive. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock with high mass at St. Jerome's Catholic church. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery, Monongahela.

THREE ARRESTED HERE ON KIDNAPPING CHARGE FROM BUCKEYE STATE

Arrests of three for kidnapping as the result it is said of family trouble were made here Wednesday and an East Liverpool, Ohio officer was here to take the trio back to that city where they are wanted. Those arrested were Solomon Leppert and John Leppert and wife. The children alleged to have been kidnapped are two brothers and one sister of Mrs. Leppert it is said and the information is said to have been made by her father.

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ENTERTAINS PIANO PUPILS WITH A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Floyd Chalfant entertained her piano pupils and a few of their friends at a party at her home at 310 Meadow avenue Wednesday afternoon and evening, the affair assuming the nature of a Christmas party for them. A brief musical program was rendered. Games were introduced as diversions. Luncheon was served, with the guests seated around the dining table. Christmas boxes filled with candy were given as favors.

WILL ADJUDICATE BIG EISTEDDFOD IN UTICA

Prof. I. T. Daniel, Supervisor of Music in Schools, to be in Complete Charge of Contests in Determining Merit and Awards

Prof. I. T. Daniel, supervisor of music in the Charleroi schools, left this morning accompanied by his son Aubrey, for Utica, N. Y., where he is to adjudicate a New Year's day eisteddfod that is to be one of the biggest events of the year among the Welsh people of the eastern states. Prof. Daniel will have all the work of adjudication in charge and upon his word will depend the award of large prizes. Band, piano and voice contests will be conducted. Chorus work will be featured. The first event of the eisteddfod will begin Friday evening. On Sunday a sacred festival will be a feature.

FIRST LICENSE APPLICATIONS IN

Renewals Sought by McDonald, Donora and West Brownsville Licensees

ALL TO BE FILED BY MONDAY

The first applications for liquor license year beginning on May 1 next were filed Wednesday with the clerk of courts. All are for renewals. B. Frankle and F. A. Thomassey seek renewals of their licenses at the "Commercial" and "Pitt" hotels, respectively, at McDonald. Peter N. Miller, now proprietor of the Atwood hotel, at West Brownsville, formerly conducted by William Theakston, seeks a renewal of the license there. This hotel is owned by J. W. Breckenridge of South Brownsville. James M. Purcell seeks again the right to sell liquor at his hotel at Donora, known as "The Highland Inn."

Next Monday evening at 5 o'clock is the time limit within which applications may be filed. The majority, it is expected, will be filed this week. There are usually between 50 and 60 applications filed. License court will be convened the first Monday in February. Remonstrances and supplemental petitions must be filed on or before the last Monday in January.

Arrested For Drunkenness
Charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct William Deitz a youth of West Newton, employed as a barber in Charleroi was arrested Wednesday night by the police. He is alleged to have damaged property while intoxicated.

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DEAL CLOSED FOR SALE OF COAL ACREAGE

McDonald Man Purchases Valuable Tract for Operation in Avella Region

OTHER SALES MAY FOLLOW

A coal deal that will mean much to the mining industry in the county has been closed at Avella within the past few weeks in which Cyrus Ferguson of McDonald purchased about 1400 acres of valuable territory adjoining the lands of the Rex Carbon Coal company. Mr. Ferguson a short time ago purchased the Rex Carbon mines, which are located just across the Pennsylvania-West Virginia state line. This mine was opened some time ago, but was not operated very long owing to financial trouble. The company had among its holdings about 3,300 acres of coal lands.

The 1,400 additional acres purchased by Mr. Ferguson are in Brooke county in the Pierce Run section. It is understood that the price paid was about \$100 per acre.

A branch will likely be built from the new proposed railroad up Buffalo creek to the Pierce Run section and coal taken from the Rex Carbon mine.

Another block of Independence township coal land has been optioned by a Carnegie man at a price said to be \$200 per acre and it is believed that the coal business will increase by leaps and bounds in this section during the coming year.

The purchase of 1,300 acres of coal territory in Jefferson township by John A. Bell of Carnegie took place last week. The tract consists of ten farms beginning with the Criss heirs farm and extending south. It faces on the Panhandle railroad near Hahlin station and is well suited for operation. The price was \$150 an acre.

SPECIAL BONUS TO MINERS

All employees of the Champion Gas Coal Co., Besco, Washington County, Pa., postoffice, Millsboro, Pa., in addition to free house rent will have 10 per cent added to what they earn each week if they work six full shifts. Twenty loaders and one Goodman machine cutter needed quickly. Steady work, good condition. Full Frick scale paid. Apply immediately Champion Works. 164-t2.*

Playing Good Ball.
Having greatly surprised the fast going "A. T. Griffiths" of Pittsburg in two games on Christmas day, the St. Jerome's Lyceum five will meet the strong Pittsburg Products five, Saturday evening Dec. 30 on the Lyceum floor. Game starts 8:30 prompt. The preliminary game will be arranged later to start at 7:30 prompt.

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Thursday evening, November 28th in St. Jerome's Lyceum at 8 o'clock Benefit of St. Rita's home for infants. Nice favors. Admission 25c. 163-t2.

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EQUALIZING THINGS

The railroad car situation shows little signs of betterment, though with Christmas over there ought to be some lemp. Probably never before in history was there a worse condition than at this Christmas time, with all classes of trade suffering.

At the bottom of all the trouble was the car shortage which has existed for months. A few years back during the business slump incidental to the beginning of the first term of a Democratic president the railroads discontinued ordering rolling stock and equipment. Then the war came on, with its inevitable consequences to America trade. A slump was turned into unprecedented prosperity almost overnight and the railroads were found with insufficient equipment to handle what they had to handle. Either that or else there was illegal car "hogging" somewhere.

At any rate there has been no let-up worth mentioning since the car shortage began. Freight, perishable and otherwise has been so delayed and so tied up that the condition has seemed hopeless. Christmas freight, express and mail transportation has only added to the misery. Passenger traffic was heavier probably at Christmas than at any other season of the year. Everything entering into the situation caused the railroads to go to the extreme of using coaches long antedated that looked as though they had just been pulled from a work train. They were uninviting, to say the least.

If there had been sufficient equipment, the railroads would have been able to handle properly the traffic. However they are not to be too severely censured, for the present industrial period is extraordinary and they could not foresee it. But there ought to be some means of better equalizing things.

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Monessen is changing its fire alarm system. Years of experience with the siren that well nigh frightens a person out of their wits by its awful wailing have proven that as an alarm it is a decided success—there could be no better—but that as a means of fixing the location of the fire, it is a decided failure.

Where there are volunteer departments about the only fire alarm system that could be a success is the one which announces to everyone the location, within a block at least, of the fire. The one important thing in fighting a fire is in getting to the scene early. A half minute spent in telephoning to find the location after the alarm has been sounded may mean the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of property that otherwise could be saved.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

SAVING WHAT WE WASTE

According to figures compiled by one of the largest dealers of New York in what are known as waste materials, this country transacted almost one billion dollars' worth of business in this class of commodities. The figures show what can be saved in this country where a systematic effort is made to make use of what we ordinarily throw away or burn up.

On account of the scarcity of many materials which we ordinarily receive from Europe efforts have been made by manufacturers and dealers to collect waste products that they might continue in business. One of the most striking campaigns so far as results are concerned has been in the saving of waste papers. This has become almost a necessity in order that the present scarcity of paper could in some measure be overcome.

In many cities of the country the newspapers themselves have inaugurated campaigns with big returns. In Richmond, Virginia, the Times Dispatch carried on a waste paper campaign among the children of the public schools. It not only justified itself but as this newspaper says it holds out strong reasons to hope for even greater accomplishment.

The value of the campaign was manifested in a number of ways: it helped the schools to acquire needed funds; it encouraged in the children the thought of thrift; it discouraged

GINGLES' JINGLES

M'KABE.

Yes, McKabe is strictly Irish, but he's some good scout at that. He's the head guy in a plant condensers m'k and he's there with all the stuff on how to do the thing up right, people say his produce is as fine as silk. He is always strictly neutral, not a favor he does he play, do your work and do it right, from taunts you're free, your religion cuts no figure, neither does he give a rap to what nation you can't look your family tree. He expects you know your business, and expects you to do your share, if you don't, you pull the tinware mighty quick, you must always hustle on the job, or you don't last—that's all, 'tis a clock you cannot loaf on him and stick. But the boys all like him as a boss, he stands high with the bunch, and they fall for his determined Irish way, that when man must wear green ribbons, who expects to hold his job, and must smoke clay pipes upon St. Patrick's Day.

All the wasteful habits so prevalent in the country and it is not in a measure to relieve the pressing stringency in paper.

The public is only beginning to realize what the shortage of paper means and will continue to mean, unless some relief—which is not now in sight—is afforded. Every movement to conserve the rapidly diminishing supply, to meet the rapidly increasing demand, is beneficial in a broad aspect. Above all, every action looking to stop the thoughtless waste of a necessary commodity is helpful in the present and hopeful for the future. Because this method of encouraging the prevention of waste commended itself, this newspaper took it up. Any other sustained effort to that end is highly commendable.

Much can be done by the merchants cooperating with their customers in eliminating the unnecessary use of wrapping paper. We are by these efforts and campaigns learning lessons in economy and thrift which will be good for the nation, even when the dire necessity for continuing them no longer exists.—Washington Observer.

ENCOURAGING MURDER

In a recent discussion of the lax enforcement in this country of the law against murder, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin quotes the following figures from statistics compiled by Henry A. Foster, of the New York bar. "For the period of -909-13, the murder rate in the United States was 6.4 per hundred thousand of the population; in England and Wales for the same period it was 0.8, in Prussia but 2.0, and in Italy, where assassination popularly is supposed to be a common art, it was but 3.8."

In no country in the world is the death penalty for murder more reluctantly enforced than in Great Britain. Is it merely an accident that that country shows the smallest percentage of murders per hundred thousand of population? It may be admitted that other reasons are operative. One is the absence of the peculiar alien element which appears to have a perfect mania for killing. But we believe the general knowledge that there is no way of escape for the deliberate assassin of his fellows has a decidedly wholesome influence.

There is a growing demand in the United States for the abolition of the death penalty and the substitution of imprisonment for life. This advance of sentimentalism is manifest in spite of the fact that many thousands of murders are committed each year. It is impossible not to sympathize with the tolerant and humane spirit which moves the opponents of the death penalty to labor on behalf of their favorite project. We understand their motive. But what this country needs now more than laxity, ready-too great is the rigid enforcement of existing laws. In Great Britain there is a comparatively brief period between the commission of the crime and the execution of the murderer. There is no appeal to other courts: an appeal lies to one officer of the government and he promptly decides upon its merits. The moment the assassin lifts a weapon against a fellow being justice begins to trail.

So far as Pennsylvania is concerned the laws seem to be administered in the interest of delay. Thus a murder is committed; the criminal is arrested, at the next term of court a confession is asked for and granted; perhaps this occurs a second time. Then a new trial is asked for and a time set for a hearing. Sometimes this is granted, but if it is refused an appeal is taken to the higher courts. Months are consumed in these operations and if the action of the lower court is affirmed an effort will be made to get it before the federal courts, other months being wasted in these operations. Then there are hearings and rehearings and rehearings by the board of pardons. Sometimes after the lapse of years

the sentence of the lower court is carried into effect; more frequently there is a commutation to life imprisonment, followed in due time by pardon. Is it any wonder that murders increase? Under existing conditions no slayer of his kind expects to be executed.

Recently there has been a decided improvement, so far as the action of the state board of pardons is concerned. The present board of pardons is the best the state has ever had and its members are to be commended for their steady refusal, in many recent instances, to interfere with the verdict of the lower courts. Let us extend our practice and make punishment more certain.—Altoona Tribune.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Wonder how the compensation board considers the director of a band should be classed for insurance.

Cox Strife.

The feminine idea of a church worker is a woman who spends a large part of her time cooking in the church kitchen. The masculine idea is a man who attends the suppers regularly and consumes great quantities of potato salad.—The Virginia (Minn.) Enterprise.

Heroism is staying on the job when a new piece of machinery in which you are particularly interested is being installed elsewhere.

Gen. Carranza has been told the United States is tired of fooling. That means the warful watching policy is to be temporarily abandoned.

A Kansas City attorney was jailed for robbing a postoffice. Who would ever have thought a lawyer would come to that.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"I think children are not so observing as they used to be," said a member of the school board to a teacher whose class he was visiting.

"I hadn't noticed it," said the teacher.

"I'll prove it to you," said the school officer, pompously. Turning to the class he said:

"Some one give me a number."

"Thirty-seven," said a little girl, eagerly.

He wrote "73" on the board. Nothing was said.

"Well, some one else give me a number."

"Fifty-seven," said another child.

"He wrote '75,' and smiled knowingly at the teacher when nothing was said. He called for a third number, and fairly gasped at the indignation manifested by a small, red-faced urchin, who said:

"Seventy-seven, and see if you can change that."—Harper's Magazine

A British army examiner had before him a stupid candidate. The man proving, apparently, unable to answer the most simple questions, the examiner finally grew impatient and in a burst of sarcasm demanded:

"Now, let it be supposed, sir, that you were a captain in command of an infantry; that in your rear was a impassable abyss: that on both sides of you rose perpendicular rocks of tremendous height; that in front of you lay the enemy out numbering you ten to one. What, sir, in such an emergency would you do?"

"Well, sir," replied the applicant for military distinction, "I should resign, sir."—Philadelphia Record.

ASTOUNDING REPORT FOR CHARLEROI

The wife of a merchant had stomach trouble so bad she could eat nothing but toast, fruit and hot water. Everything else would sour and ferment. ONE SPOONFUL buchu bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka benefited her INSTANTLY. Because Adler-ka flushes the ENTIRE alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Hennings Drug Store.

DISPOSES OF BUSINESS AT HIS DONORA STORE

C. Warren Kinder, who has been conducting a flower store in the new Spragg building, Donora, for the last two years, has disposed of his business to H. M. Griffith, manager of the Crall store in Monessen. Mr. Griffith will assume charge of his new purchase January 10, and Mr. Kinder will devote more of his time to music. Mr. Griffith is a well known business young man. Mr. Kinder, who was married Christmas day is now absent with his bride on a wedding trip.

CONUTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Postoffice Makes Record

Washington—A record was made by the employees at the Washington postoffice this season in that every piece of mail received at the office during the Christmas season was delivered by 5 o'clock on Christmas Day and the record was made without the necessity of carrying the mail on Sunday, which was done in every large city or town in this part of the country in order to have the mails free by Christmas night. During the 10 days preceding Christmas Day the volume of business done at the Washington postoffice exceeded that of 1915 by over \$600. There are yet at the office to be sent out over 1,000 empty mail sacks which were received during the rush hours. In all, over 5,000 sacks of mail were distributed during the Christmas rush.

Canonsburg Has Great Christmas.

Canonsburg—Measured by the amount of business transacted at the postoffice and at the stores, it was the greatest Christmas in the history of Canonsburg and in merriment was probably up to any of its predecessors. It may not have been "old fashioned," for there was no snow on the ground, but there was money to spend for the holiday and the people spent it.

Teachers' Fancywork Club.

Bentleyville—One of the pleasing social observances of the winter was the Yulefest meeting of the Teachers' Fancywork club of Bentleyville. It was given by Miss Mary Day at the home of Garfield Tinley. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and red. For a half-hour while the young ladies were engaged in fancy work one of their members read a few chapters from a popular book of the day. The grab bag, which was in the form of a huge red stocking, furnished no end of amusement and contained a pretty gift for each member. After musical numbers a three course luncheon was served.

Anticipates Big Developments

Washington—E. H. Steinman, president of the Wayne-Hardin railroad company, who for the past two years has been busy organizing and perfecting the plans of the company, he represents, at Collinswood, Tenn., arrived in Washington Monday and for a few days will remain with his family in Jefferson avenue. Collinswood the center of activities at present of the concern of which Mr. Steinman is head, has grown from a small village to a prosperous town in two years. The Wayne-Hardin company is building the railroad to open for development a vast section of Tennessee, rich in timber, ore and agricultural lands. The company owns 100,000 acres of this territory.

War Veteran Dies.

McDonald—Nicholas Kress, aged 77, a native of Germany and a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, was found dead Tuesday morning in his bedroom at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Loessert of Midway, with whom he resided. Death was due to heart failure. He was a farmer and was well known in this vicinity.

RHEUMATICS LIMBER UP

Get-Rid of All Stiffness and Soreness In Muscles and Joints.

Men and women who suffer from the pains and aches of rheumatism, this is for you! Get rid of stiff knees, painful, swollen feet, knotted fingers; oil up your joints, loosen up your muscles, throw off years of suffering! Yes, you can do it! No matter how many failures you have made.

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Notice of Election

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bentleyville will be held in the Banking rooms, January 9, 1917, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come up at that time.

S. Martin Berg, Cashier.
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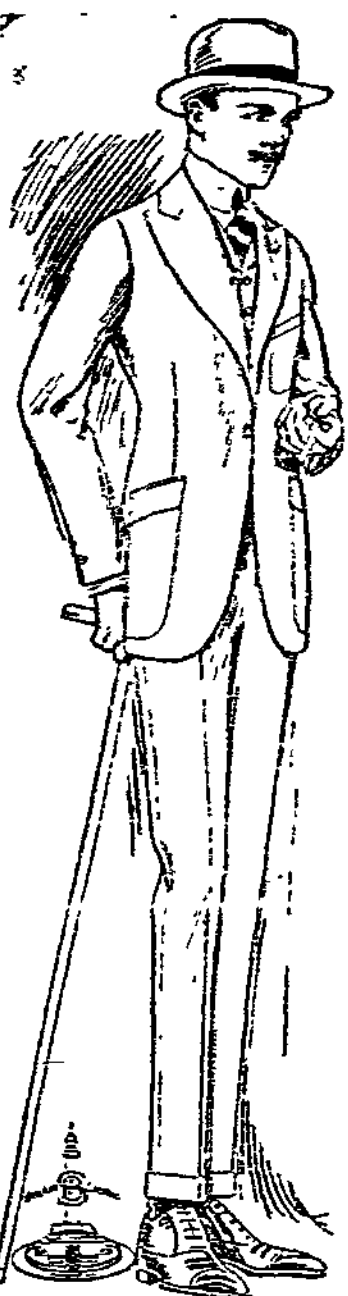
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409 FALLOWFIELD AVE.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Joseph Irose and Miss Edith Woodhall were Pittsburg visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis and family have returned from Pittsburg where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis.

W. S. Cook has returned to his home at Brookville after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cook of Washington avenue.

Mrs. George Woodhall and Misses Kate and Lorene Gamble visited at Roscoe Wednesday.

Miss Sarah Reed of West Elizabeth is the guest of Miss Lenore Miksch of McKean avenue.

H. J. Booth of Crest avenue has gone to Philadelphia on a business trip.

Mrs. George Clark has returned from Smarsville where she visited with friends.

Mrs. Lee Showers and son Kenneth of Fifth street are visiting with

Mrs. Showers parents Mr. and Mrs. Crouch of Ford City.

Mrs. Weble and son Grant are spending the week-end with Pittsburg relatives.

Mrs. F. K. Nelson of Monongahela visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kelley on McKean avenue Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kelley, daughter Miss Mattie and George Cadger have returned from Adah where they visited over Christmas with Mrs. James Riffe.

The Musical Auxiliary to the Athene Club will hold their annual Christmas Party at the Alpha Phi Beta rooms this evening.

Mrs. George Murdock of Carmichaels spent Thursday with Mrs. Evan C. Kelley of McKean avenue.

Earl Strauser has returned from Detroit, Mich., where he visited with his parents, spending a pleasant vacation.

The Frances Willard class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will hold its regular meeting Friday evening with Miss Elizabeth Fred at her home on Crest avenue.

Born—Tuesday December 26 to Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford of Fallowfield avenue a son.

W. D. Brightwell, principal of the Dravosburg schools, a former Fayette City man, was a visitor with friends here Thursday.

STATE—PITT STUDENTS TO HOLD ANNUAL DANCE HERE

Following are the committee members of the Pitt-State club which tomorrow evening will give their annual holiday dance in Night's Auditorium: Mac Jameson, James Wagner, Ray Speers, State; Duncan Berryman, Shaner Blythe and Carl Miksch, University of Pittsburgh, all from Charleroi; and C. M. Todd, State and Arthur Madison, P.T. from Monessen. The dance promises to be one of the season's gayest events.

HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGES; MUST ANSWER TO THE COURT

For assaulting an officer and living in adultery Mike Salinko was held by Justice of the Peace Paul R. Nutt Wednesday for court. He will be taken to Washington in default of bond. Salinko lives at 1011 Lincoln avenue. He is alleged to have mistreated the woman he called his wife, this leading to his present trouble.

DOCTORS' SONS WIN RENOWN

They Are Brought Forward as Rivals of the Progeny of Both Farmers and Ministers.

At last a rival to the farmer and the minister in the role of famous father-son—or fatherhood of the famous—is brought forward, the New York Evening Sun observes. The changes have been rung on the past page of having the two chief professions for the past century in the present election and of other leaders. But a new actor for William Brewster and the medical profession, a large number of physicians.

There is no doubt that in this, the more interesting side of history is to get and what? He illustrates his theory by a list of the names of famous sons of the Civil War. The Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of War, Speaker of the House and the President of the United States—these are all doctors' sons. In the same group we find David Davis, the Chief Justice and adviser of Lincoln; John H. P. his private secretary; Stephen A. Douglas, his chief opponent in the contest before the war.

Exactly what part in the preparation of these leaders for high station their fathers may have taken we are not informed. But a good case might be made out of clear thinking related to present action and of unselfish devotion to the needs of the public. It may be said that the old-fashioned family physician was away from home a good deal, but certainly his children might well in a better impression on the children than the repeated precepts of a man of his type.

SOME ORE DEPOSITS YOUNG

Newly Formed Veins Have Produced Such Famous Mining Camps as Goldfield and Tonopah.

Ore deposits ranging in age from the time when the most complex living thing on the earth was a crablike creature down to the time when mammals were highly developed have been found in this country. Among the younger deposits is a group known to geologists as the late tertiary veins.

These veins are widely distributed and are of particular interest not only because they have given rise to famous mining camps such as Tonopah, Goldfield and Comstock, but because, owing to their comparative youth, the surface on which they crop out is not greatly below that which existed at the time of their origin. Thus by considering the surface conditions and by laboratory experiments the phenomena they present can be interpreted more accurately than those of older deposits which are at greater depths and are more deeply cut by erosion.

Many of the late tertiary veins in this country, all inclosed in lava rocks or closely associated with them, are found in Nevada.

It's Not Catching.

A four-year-old boy in Columbus has been having lots of fun the last few months playing with a neighbor's dog. The friendship seemed to be mutual. The boy was interested in everything that pertained to Bowser. Recently there has been considerable agitation to require the dog owners to pay the city license fee. Announcement was made that the police would soon begin to kill all unlicensed dogs. So there was a rush to the city clerk's office to get licenses.

"Mother, O mother! I'm not going to play with Bowser any more," the little fellow told his mother, as he ran into his home.

"Why, son, what's the matter with Bowser?"

"Why, I heard them say that he has license on him."—Indianapolis News.

Queer Laws.

There are in force in Switzerland certain laws which, in the hands of the unscrupulous, may work great havoc with personal rights and liberties. This is a point concerning which there can be no dispute. For instance, in most cantons men and women may be punished not only for what they have actually done in the past, but also for what may possibly result in the future from what they have done. Suppose a man is spending week by week all he earns. Then the local authorities, acting in conjunction with the police, may send him to a penal workhouse, on the pretext that his conduct is such that he may later become destitute and therefore be a burden to the community.—Buffalo News

Holds Shaving Necessary.

Shaving is not labor, but a necessity, and the state has no right to deny a man the privilege granted a mule, according to a brief filed in the Iowa state supreme court at Des Moines by attorneys for a Davenport barber on complaint of the barbers' union for keeping his shop open on Sunday. "If a man can curvy a mule on Sunday, he has a right to have his own head curvy, in a manner of speaking," says the brief.

Want to Sleep on Your Hair?

An eastern barber has invented a device to fasten around the patron's neck to catch and save the hair removed by the shears. When he has finished the patron he offers to save the by-product of his clipping until, if the patron comes in often enough, the hair can be mixed with long horse hair and made up into a pillow.

"HOW!" OF INDIAN ORIGIN

Old Chief Coined Exclamation Used Universally by Officers of the Army Before Drinking.

The exclamation, "How!" was first uttered in an Indian camp in Florida. On the 5th of May, 1841, the Seminole chief, Coconochee, was at Fort Cummings, near Big Cypress swamp, to confer with Colonel Worth about the removal of his people.

On this occasion, in the words of General Richardson, "he drank the water on his hand, which, as an army officer, has been noted by every soldier from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Lawrence, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and even the 'backwoods' of the little world so full of curious memories to the American soldiers, through the years when, where, or how it was coined.

Coconochee, observing that the officers of the garrison used certain expressions, such as 'Here's luck!' 'The old grub!' before drinking, asked a negro interpreter, what they said. John was puzzled, but finally explained by saying, 'It means 'How d'ye do!'

"Whereupon the chief, with great dignity, lifted his cup and, elevating it above his head, exclaimed in a deep guttural and triumphant voice, 'How!'

The word was at once adopted by the officers of the Eighth infantry and Second dragons, and its use spread rapidly through the whole army."

HOW VARIOUS ANIMALS FEED

Curious Ways of Partaking of Food Show Great Differences Between Classes in Creature Kingdom.

When one thinks of the many curious ways in which common animals partake of their food, one realizes more than ever the vast difference there is between classes in the creature kingdom.

For instance, the squirrel carries its food to its mouth by means of its paws, while the elephant uses its trunk. The grackle, ant-eater and toad employ their tongues, but spiders inject their food with horry jaws.

The caterpillar is provided with saw-edged jaws, and uses them so well that every day he consumes at least three times his own weight in food. Toads, turtles and tortoises do not possess teeth.

Frogs have only an upper row of teeth, and lobsters and crabs have a set of teeth in their stomachs. The tiger and lion do not grind their food; as a matter of fact, their teeth only work with an up-and-down movement, much like chopping-knives.

Donkey Brings Grief.

An apparently inoffensive donkey has during the last few days been the source of considerable friction in Vermillion, S. D., and as a last resort the city council held a meeting and took action.

The braying of the donkey kept many people away at night, and after they had lost so much sleep that they lost their tempers those affected sent a petition to the city council asking that the donkey be eliminated.

The city council deliberated over the matter for some time, and then took a vote, which proved that the council was evenly divided on the question as to whether the donkey was a nuisance or not.

Mayor Lyons, to break the deadlock, cast the deciding ballot which declared the donkey a public nuisance, and the council now has demanded of the owner, C. H. Grange, that the offending donkey be exiled from Vermillion and not permitted to step foot within the city limits.

Reversing the Proverb.

Since stoutness is partly the result of a good digestion, the old proverb may be turned around: "Grow fat and you will laugh," for it is not easy to be jolly with indigestion, heartburn and other similar "ills that flesh is heir to."

Moreover, a good cushion of fat is a great preventive of cold and a great aid in keeping the body at an even temperature during changes of weather. In a climate so variable as that of the United States, it is of great importance to be able to resist these weather changes, for it calls heavily upon the resisting power of the constitution of a thin man or woman to maintain an even body temperature when the thermometer swings 30 degrees in one day.

Stoutness is a little like a brake—it keeps the body from pegging up and down in response to the vagaries of the weather. This induces contentment and makes laughter easy.

Regard Bells With Disfavor.

Greek monks are called to prayer in a fashion of their own. Bells are not regarded with too much favor in the Levant. The fact that they are an innovation borrowed, albeit in the tenth century, from schismatic Venice makes the orthodox doubt their appeal, while the Turks object to them even more strongly, lest they disturb wandering spirits.

For all ordinary purposes the monks use in their stead a hanging wooden plank or sometimes a smaller metal bar, of which the necessary component is a stout mallet. The rhythmic echo of these instruments is the most characteristic sound of Mt. Athos, the voice, as it were, of its loyalty to other times. Twice a day, or every eight hours during seasons of fasting, it calls the monks to church.

POLICE PUSHING CHARGES AGAINST FOREIGNERS WITH GUNS ON THEIR PERSONS

Another case of a drunken foreigner with a gun was brought to the attention of the police Wednesday when Charles Reorob of Fayette City was arrested at the railroad depot here for drunkenness. When searched a dangerous looking revolver was found on his person. Information was made against him by the police before Justice of the Peace Paul R. Nutt and he was held in default of \$300 bond for court. Joe Morish, a foreigner who was taken off a street car under similar circumstances earlier in the week is already languishing in jail awaiting action for carrying weapons. The police intend to push all such cases.

FORMER WAS CORRESPONDENT OF BROWNSVILLE PAPER DIES

Edward Morgan, Veteran of Civil War Expires at Washington, D. C. Where Lately he Has Been Employed

Edward Morgan, aged 77, remembered by the older generation in the Brownsvilles as printer in the old Clipper plant in upper Market street, when it was published by Seth Hurd, before the consolidation with the South Brownsville Monitor, died at Washington, D. C. Friday, December 22, according to messages received by relatives at Brownsville.

When the Civil war broke out, Mr. Morgan was employed in the Brownsville Clipper office and enlisted to serve his country in a company formed at Brownsville. He was at the front for three years and during that time also acted as war correspondent for his paper.

Mr. Morgan was born at Steubenville, O. Early in life he came to Brownsville and learned his trade at the Clipper office. He was employed at the government printing office for over 40 years.

THOMPSON WEST VIRGINIA TRACT MAY BE BOUGHT BY CONSOLIDATED

Report of Another Deal For A Vast Acreage Reported From Fayette County

Rumors of another great coal deal places the Consolidated Coal company in the role of probable purchaser of the entire West Virginian holdings of Josiah V. Thompson of Untown, amounting to about 84,000 acres. Basing the value on the average for West Virginia coal, \$150 an acre, the Consolidated's deal would amount to \$12,600,000 and would be the largest in the history of the industry. One object for disposing of Thompson's holdings in West Virginia in bulk is said to be the desire to keep it from being thrown on the market in small acreages to satisfy individual claims against Thompson.

See Theda Bara in "Romeo and Juliet" Friday. Prices, children 10c, adults 15c. Coyle theatre. 162-73.

LEGISLATOR WITH MONEY IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Dr. A. David Miller, the Mount Pleasant physician who was elected to the legislature from the second district of Westmoreland county in November, is said to be on easy street, as the result of the sale of his Arizona tungsten mine, located some 20 miles from Brisbane. Dr. Miller has just sold a 600-acre tract. He states that the company buying it offered him either \$500,000 cash, or a million dollars' worth of stock, guaranteed to pay him five per cent annually. He took the stock, stating that he thought he could get along on \$50,000 a year, with what his practice yields him—according to the Mount Pleasant Journal, which prints the story.

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Immune.

"You stepped right in front of that automobile. If the driver hadn't turned sharply you might have been killed." "True; very true." "Were you trying to commit suicide?" "No, I took out an accident insurance policy yesterday, and I was just experimenting to see what sort of protection it would give me. By Jinks, it worked like a charm!"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

MAN HURT IN DRUNKEN BRAWL DIES IN HOSPITAL

Richhill Miner Succumbs to Injuries At Washington Hospital—Fight a Free-For-All

Nick Maxsini, who was seriously injured in a drunken brawl at house No. 46, at Richhill on Sunday night, December 3 died Wednesday at the City hospital, Washington and the men arrested, following that fight, will likely be held for the homicide. The facts surrounding the trouble and the fatal wounding of Maxsini are unknown. Maxsini's death was unexpected. He had been reported as improving and a few days ago the men held for participation in the brawl, which it had been expected at first would prove fatal to Maxsini, were released. They entered into an agreement to pay all the costs that Maxsini might be put to in connection with his injuries.

The fight in which Maxsini was hurt was a free-for-all. There had been drinking to excess, and when the officers reached the scene of the trouble the room looked like a veritable slaughter house. Blood was spattered all over the place and furniture was broken up. Maxsini, who was taken to the City hospital, had a badly crushed skull.

BENTLEYVILLE MAN ASSAULTED BY THUG; SMALL SUM IS TAKEN

E. H. Caldwell Attacked While On His Way Home After Locking Up Drug Store

E. H. Caldwell, who is employed at Bentleyville in the drug store of Stanley F. Caldwell is recovering from a blow upon the head administered by an unknown thug. As Caldwell was returning home with rooming quarters on North Main street, he saw a stranger approaching him. Just at that time he forgot all earthly matters and it was some time before he regained consciousness.

When the young man came to he found that he was nearly frozen in the snow and that his pockets had been rifled. Some small change had been taken but a gold watch that was also on his person had been overlooked. It is supposed the thug believed Caldwell was returning home with the money collected during the day, and so attacked him. The money, luckily, had been placed in the store's vaults.

Notice to Auto Dealers.

Bids will be received by the County Controller of Washington County until 10:00 A. M. Friday, December 29th, 1916, to be opened in the office of the County Commissioner immediately thereafter, for the delivery of a 3 1/2 ton G. M. C. truck, chassis and working parts to be similar to those of the 5 ton truck now in use by the County. Delivery is to be made April 1, 1917. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

T. J. Underwood, County Controller. 164-41.

CLASSIFIED

LOST—Two \$50 bills; one \$20 bill and three \$1 bills in union card case on Lock hill. Twenty per cent reward if money is returned to Otto Pollatti, P. O. Box 118, Lock No. 4. 158-46.

FOR SALE—Four roomed house, Oakland avenue. Inquire George W. Turner, Mail Building. 161-73-p.

FOR SALE—Large bob sled, with bed. Very cheap. Inquire W. H. Calvert. 164-42

FOR SALE—1916 Dodge Touring car in good condition. \$550. Inquire Peoples Realty Co. 145-eod

WANTED—Stenographer for Real Estate office. State experience and weekly salary expected. Address L. M. Mail-office. 163-44.

WANTED—20 laborers, 9 hours at \$2.75 at Iowa School building, Monessen, Pa. 163-73-p.

WANTED—Colored girl for general housework. 534 Washington avenue. 163-f.

WANTED—Sewing to do at home. Inquire 804 Mail. 164-73

FOR RENT—Garage. Inquire Dr. C. B. James, Might building. 164-4f

DID YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY LAST CHRISTMAS

WERE YOU ABLE to do all the little things you would like to have done? Were all your family, friends and associates remembered at the Holiday Season just as you would have wished? Would not a little extra money come mighty handy?

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2. We will pay you interest for the entire time, and on the full amount you have deposited at the maturity of The Prosperity Club Period, which is one hundred weeks. Interest will be compounded and added to your deposits.
3. Upon completion of all your deposits in The Prosperity Club we will pay you all the money you have deposited, the bonus credited to you at the time you opened the account and all the interest earned at the end of the Club period.
4. Deposits may be made on any day of each week, and several advance deposits may be made at one time.
5. Anyone may open as many accounts as they wish in our Prosperity Club department, each account being considered a separate transaction.
6. The terms contained on the signature card, which is signed by the new member, are also a part of the rules of The Prosperity Club.

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FIRST GRAND OPERA

Peri's "Dafne" Marked the Start
of a New Era in Music.

WAS SUNG ONLY IN PRIVATE.

Its Performances Were Confined to the Palace of Corsi, and the Score Is Lost to the World—The First Opera Given in Public Was "Eurydice."

There is no form of music so generally popular with all classes today as opera—the combination of action and music. Opera has made extensive studies during the last century, although its origin is very remote. It came through a gradual course of development from almost the beginning of the Christian era. Earliest librettists were such eminent men as Aeschylus and Sophocles, who accompanied their spoken drama with a band of lyres and choros.

But grand opera as we understand it today originated about the end of the sixteenth century, when Jacopo Peri's opera "Dafne" was first presented. It originated through the gathering of a small party of music lovers at the home of a Florentine nobleman. These patrons of art set themselves in the spirit of the renaissance to rediscover the music of the Greek drama.

Theories grew into actualities when a performance of "Dafne" was celebrated in the palace of Corsi in 1597. This opera was successfully performed several times, but always in private, and now the score is not discoverable.

The public had the privilege of hearing opera five years later, when two settings of "Eurydice" were made, one by Peri and the other by Caccini. Both the operas were produced in part during the marriage celebration of Henry IV and Marie de Medici at the Petit palace on Oct. 6, 1600.

Measuring the accomplishments of these enthusiasts with the opera of not many years later, the former must appear ridiculous and very wide of the mark. But here at least was a step in an untrodden path. Opera was now on a basis which admitted of development. Its career had begun.

"Eurydice" was the first Italian opera ever performed in public, and the work excited an extraordinary amount of attention. The score was first published in Florence in 1600 and was dedicated to Marie de Medici, and it was printed in 1603 in Venice, a copy of the latter being well preserved in the library of the British museum.

For fifty years "Eurydice" remained the luxury of nobles, being performed only before courts during special festivals. Monteverde added the overture to the Peri opera.

The next important operatic work to be produced was that of Monteverde entitled "Orfeo," which was presented in 1607, and a year later "Arianna." These two operas left Peri and his comrades far in the rear. Work along this line developed slowly until 1637 when the Teatro di San Cassiano was opened at Venice, which was the first public opera house. Now that the masses had a voice in the matter, it soon became evident that the people must be pleased and the Florentine ideals forgotten.

Later in the century the melody of the aria was enriched by two composers named Cavalli and Cesti. The opera, by stimulating solo singing and by reviving a taste for the beauties of popular melody, supplies the necessary incentive for the elaborating of sweet sounding and finished melodic themes. Cavalli was a tireless worker, and he produced close to forty different operas, none of which has survived.

Scarlatti, who followed, was another tireless worker. His first opera having been produced in Rome in 1679, after which he brought out more than sixty others. From that period to the present day the Italian composer has held his place with the greatest of any countries and has produced more operas than all the other countries combined.

The earliest operas in France were composed by Lully at the end of the seventeenth century and Rameau at the beginning of the eighteenth century, but they were little more than imitations of the Italian style. The basis of the French opera was laid by Gluck in the latter half of the eighteenth century. Meyerbeer, Rossini, Gounod and Thomas represented the most popular of the successors of Gluck, with the more modern Massenet and Charpentier.

In Germany until the rise of Wagner the opera was marked by little national originality. Mozart was the first opera writer among the German composers. To Weber especially will remain the glory of having first founded a distinct German operatic style—Washington Post.

One View of Golf.

Many anecdotes are told of some of the curious ideas held about golf by people to whom it was a new and strange game before its modern popularity had set in. One woman who had evidently had a near view of the game said: "It is played by two men. One is a gentleman, and the other is a common man. The common man sticks a ball on a lump of dirt, and the gentleman knows it off."

One of the great lessons of this life is to learn not to do what one likes but to like what one does.—Hugh Black.

A RIDE ON THE PILOT.

It Was Too Exciting a Railroad Trip to Be Repeated.

An eastern man was riding by rail through the Rocky mountains. A friend had told him about riding on the pilot of the engine through some grand mountain scenery, and the easterner was eager to have the same experience. At the first opportunity, therefore, he asked the conductor whether his friends and he could ride on the front of the engine. The conductor very promptly said they could not. Nothing but a permit from the superintendent of the line would entitle any one to such a privilege. As the superintendent was a thousand miles away, it seemed a hopeless case.

The easterner spoke of his disappointment to the Pullman conductor, who told him that perhaps the affair could be managed after all. Through his diplomacy it was arranged somehow or other, and at the next station four of the party, including two ladies, took their places on the pilot.

The scenery was some of the grandest in the new world, but the easterner could not enjoy it. The two slender rails in front held his gaze with a sort of horrible spell. He could not look away from them. He felt almost the same sense of insecurity and terror that a man would feel if he were suddenly whirled off into infinite space.

Suddenly, as the train rounded a curve, he saw a hand car on the track ahead. His companions saw it at the same instant. A man stood beside it and was making desperate efforts to remove it from the rails. He got the wheels off; then, as the engine bore down upon him, he fled.

The engineer did not see the hand car at once, he was at the moment looking at his gauges. When he did see it it was too late for him to check the speed of the train. He could only look on.

The hand car was on the side of the track nearest the man from the east. He had an awful half minute. He rose to his feet, not knowing what he did, and leaned far over in front of the others. His eyes were riveted upon the hand car. He saw nothing, realized nothing except its approach.

The engine struck the hand car with terrific force, and the pilot lifted it from the rails. It rolled up, ground against the very place where the easterner had been sitting, plowed a deep groove in the ironwork and then toppled over at the side of the track.

The frightened engineer set the brakes and brought the train to a standstill. Not one of the party was even touched, but they had had enough riding on the pilot. And, indeed, it was the end of such riding for others. From that time all such trips were strictly forbidden.

It was two years before the man from the east could see a hand car even standing harmlessly beside a railway track without turning faint and dizzy.—Youth's Companion.

A Challenge.

What do you know about the Hall electrochemical production of aluminum, the Acheson process for manufacturing carborundum, the Wilson method of applying acetylene industrially, the Lovejoy & Bradley plant for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen, the Gayley invention of the dry air blast in iron making, the Herreshoff method of electrolytic copper refining, the Frasch process for refining crude oil? We feel safe in asserting that the great majority of our readers could not name offhand, much less describe, any one of these eight discoveries. Yet they are basic steps in our conquest of nature. We are all indebted to them every day of our lives.—Collier's Weekly.

The Basis of National Feeling.

"National feeling is obviously only a conspicuous instance of those corporate enthusiasms which are spontaneously generated as soon as one recognizes himself to be a member of a group. Whether one belongs to the French institute, a Daughter of the Revolution, a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio, a delegate to a religious congress, is rooting for Harvard or ascending his genealogical tree, he finds," writes James Harvey Robinson in the Century, "his personality agreeably expanding. Palfry, diffident and discontented 'I' becomes proud and confident 'we.'"

Some Odd Christian Names.

An appellant rejecting in the curious name of Rezia at the last sitting of the Somerset tribunal caused an inquiry where he got it from. He replied from the Bible, where it is only mentioned once—1 Chronicles vii, 39. There lived for many years in the village of Twerton, Bath, one named Miah. He was born a twin, and his parents thrifflily divided the predestined name of Jeremiah between them, the other babe being christened Jere.—London Globe.

Good Worker.

"And you say he is an industrious worker? You astonish me. I had formed just the opposite opinion of him." "He's the most industrious worker I ever saw. He probably works as many as a dozen people a day, or tries to."—Houston Post.

Text From Br'er Williams.

I don't want what de rich man's got. Kaze I knows mighty well he ain't gwinter turn it loose, an' I don't want money what ain't got a blessin' on it. Howsomever, money looks mighty good on a cold maw'nin'.—Atlanta Constitution.

Glass, china and reputation are easily cracked and never well mended.—Franklin.

THE SPEED OF SHIPS.

Influence of the Depth of Water and the "Wave of Translation."

On first thought the sea's depth seems of little importance if the ship finds depth enough to give her an easy draft. If she can run free apparently it makes little difference whether she has six feet or 600 feet between her keel and the bottom. Such an inference is, however, erroneous, for the depth exercises an important influence. The British cruisers Blake and Blenheim were expected to run twenty-one knots, but actually ran two knots less in shallow water. They ran again under the same power, but the depth was between 155 and 165 feet, and their speed was twenty-two knots, one knot in excess of the maximum calculation.

The difference in speed is attributed to the influence of the "wave of translation" displaced by the ship as she moves forward, which acts as a brake. The nearer the ship's keel to the bottom the stronger the friction. A ship drawing twenty-seven feet of water—say a ship of 12,000 tonnage—feels that friction over a depth of 250 feet. According to some calculations, the dragging influence ceases to be felt at a depth equal to ten and one-half times the draft if the ship stands high out of the water.

A curious feature of the matter is that the speed of the ship is as important an element as the depth of the water—that is to say, the influence of the depth on the ship's speed is more or less powerful in proportion as the speed is great. A ship increases her speed more readily over deep water; but, on the other hand, the faster a ship runs the more depth of water she requires to prevent the hindrance caused by the dragging influence of the friction which is always felt when the ship's keel "senses" bottom.

Running ten knots an hour, a ship must have between twenty-six and twenty-seven feet of depth or she is dragged from below. If running twenty knots she needs a depth of 104 to 105 feet, and when running thirty knots she feels the drag over a depth of nearly 324 feet.—Exchange.

ODD WAYS OF USING GOLD.

They Didn't Impress the Man Who Had None to Squander.

"I reckon I would be liable to be as many different kinds of fool as almost anybody else if I should suddenly get possession of a large amount of money," said the man in straitened circumstances. "I have noticed that people who are so fortunate as to do that often show remarkable versatility in their choice of ridiculous performances. The very ability to realize desires that have long been held in abeyance by lack of means seems sometimes to develop absurdities in a man's nature which no one else would suspect if he had remained poor. 'Sometimes a man will do things that are not really absurd, but only seem whimsical. I knew one man who, when he received an unexpected legacy, bought himself twenty-five pairs of shoes with the first money he spent. He said the one greatest inconvenience of poverty to him had always been the wearing of old shoes.'"

"Another man I once knew certainly did provoke mirth among his acquaintances when he had all the stovepipes in his house gilded before he spent any of his new money for anything else. I don't know that he was any more foolish than one of the multimillionaires I read about who had the handrail of the grand stairway of his country house covered with a casing of solid gold. One seems about as grotesque as the other to me.

"And there is another thing I wouldn't do. It came to my mind recently when my wife showed me a piano in a store window. It was entirely covered with gold or what looked like gold. I agreed with her that it was pretty, but I said that I would not care to have it in our house.

"Gold is certainly a good thing to have, and I'd like to have a lot of it, but I don't think I'd like to have it too much in evidence all the time."—New York Sun.

Old Mexican Legend.

The early Tarascans, a Mexican tribe, once possessed the art, now lost, of tempering copper. One of their legends is not far removed from the Bible story of Noah. According to them, Trezipi—their Noah—escaped an all destroying flood in a great boat laden with animals. Even the story of the dove is closely followed, for Trezipi sent forth first a rulture and then a humming bird, and so ascertained that dry land existed.

Helping Out.

"And has your daughter's course in domestic science interested her any in the housework?"

"To some extent. Occasionally she condescends to show her mother where in old fashioned methods are all wrong."—Kansas City Journal.

Dubious Outlook.

"I understand you have a new neighbor. Do you expect to be friendly with him?" "I hope for the best, but he has five little boys, and my library windows are in an exposed position."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Two of a Kind.

"Everything I have in this world I owe to my wife." "I'm almost like you too. Everything I owe in this world my wife bought."—Detroit Free Press.

Olive Tree.

The olive tree lives better under water than any other plant which is not aquatic.

FOILING THE FLAMES.

Methods of Fire Prevention Should Be Studied in Every Home.

In these days the function of the chief of a fire department was merely to put out fires. Nowadays his duty is to prevent them.

Originally a fireman's work was defensive. Now it is also offensive. It attacks the cause.

Most fires are preventable. Individual carelessness is the chief cause. Education of the public—even involving the use of the law—is the remedy. The first method of getting rid of fires is first to get rid of things that are "fire traps," and are a liability. They have undoubtedly reduced the fire loss ratio, but the very fact that there is need of an actual cleanup is proof that the public has not yet been fully educated. Once a year is not often enough to wash the public's face or to brush its teeth and clean out its ears. This should be a daily task. Waste, rubbish and combustibles should not be allowed to accumulate.

The public education must go further. It should be carried into the home and should begin with the child.

A periodical lecture or talk given at least once a month in the public schools by a fireman in uniform would strike at the very root of the fire problem. An official in uniform always impresses a child, and his remarks and directions would carry the weight of authority. These lectures if illustrated by charts and diagrams would be more effective and would graphically present to the child mind not only the dangers of fire, but the methods of prevention and quick extinguishment.

In some cities juvenile police departments have been established with varied success, but a juvenile fire department, whether organized or merely existing in the educational equipment of children to prevent and extinguish fires, would be one of the most advanced steps taken toward the conservation of human life and property.—Insurance Press.

HER GIFT OF MIMICRY.

Cissie Loftus Could Imitate Irving and Bernhard Equally Well.

Walter Prichard Eaton in the American Magazine says in an article about famous mimics:

"In the days when Cissie Loftus was delighting vaudeville audiences with her imitations she used to give an imitation of Lillian Russell. Miss Russell countered by giving an imitation of Miss Loftus' imitation of her. But to an artist like Miss Loftus that presented no difficulties. She merely came back with an imitation of Miss Russell's imitation of her imitation of Lillian Russell! The fair Lillian thereupon retired from an unequal contest.

"Cissie Loftus could imitate anybody. The present writer once heard her in the course of a casual conversation imitate most thrillingly Sir Henry Irving in a blank verse death scene. Then an imaginary curtain descended, and you heard Sir Henry, in a totally different voice (no less unmistakably his), inquiring in very Saxon prose, where the deuce were the red lights? "Standing on the stage of a theater, without change of costume, with the flicker of a smile on her rather wistful face, she would range from Sarah Bernhardt to Ethel Barrymore, so that you almost gasped at the uncanny cleverness of it, and if you shut your eyes you could hardly believe that the actual persons were not present.

"Hers of course was an extraordinary gift of mimicry, and it brought her in \$1,000 a week, much more probably than she could command as an actress."

Zulu Songsters.

The arrival of a European in a Zulu village, the opening of a railway, a war, a famine, a plague of locusts, a pestilence may become topics for semi-public songs that are soon circulated among the people. Songs are used at the public functions of chiefs, such as the feast of the first fruits and at royal marriages. War and tribal songs are possessed by every chief and tribe. At marriages and other public ceremonies it is the Zulu custom to render not only the songs of the living chief, but those made famous by his father and grandfather.

Waiting For Him to Start Something. "I'm just waiting for my husband to complain about my extravagance this month."

"Ready to give him an argument, eh?"

"You bet I am. By mistake his golf club checks came to the house, and I've got 'em."—Detroit Free Press.

Morbidly Suspicious.

"If you want to fight I'll hold your coat," said the bystander to the quarrelsome man.

"Great Scott! Can't a man even stand in the street without having a check boy try to work a tip out of him?"—Washington Star.

A Prize.

"Yes," said the girl who makes collections, "it is one of the best autographs I have in my collection." "But are you sure it is genuine?" "Positive. I cut it from a telegram that his wife received from him."—London Telegraph.

He Mailed the Letter.

First Women—I got a letter from you yesterday and it was dated a whole week ahead. Second Woman—So you really got it, then? My husband must have posted it the very day I gave it to him.—Boston Transcript.

How easy it is for one to suggest a sure way for some one else to manage a troublesome affair!